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REFERENCES

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1. Prior to 2 April 1953, the portion west of buildings No 131, 133 and 134 of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was still occupied by elements of the tank training unit Chuk, and elements of the driving school unit Markin were observed at driving practice.
2. On 8 and 9 April, the west section of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, including the former Panzerschule, was occupied by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, motor transport or artillery insignia; black-bordered crimson epaulets; blue-bordered black epaulets; and black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. The border between this section of the camp and the section which was occupied by VP ran east of buildings No 131 and 133, which were unoccupied. The other buildings were occupied about 20 to 30 percent.

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3. Troop trains seen at the Oranienburg railroad station between 9 and 16 April included:

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At 7:25 p.m. on 9 April. A train consisting of 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 26 flatcars carrying 12 T-34 tanks, 14 trucks, 2 jeeps and 1 motorcycle, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Wustermark.

At 7:15 p.m. on 9 April. A train consisting of 16 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 7 locked boxcars; and 40 flatcars carrying 7 x 100-mm AT guns, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan, 2 motorcycles, and 30 trucks, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding toward Loewenberg.

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At 1:45 a.m. on 10 April. A train consisting of 12 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 35 flatcars carrying 35 trucks, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding toward Neustrelitz.

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At 4:10 a.m. on 10 April. A train consisting of 25 boxcars occupied by troops; and 15 flatcars with sideracks carrying 15 trucks, coming from the direction of Wustermark and proceeding to Neustrelitz.<sup>2</sup>

16 April: A train consisting of 10 boxcars occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets; 8 boxcars carrying equipment; and 21 flatcars carrying 18 trucks.

loaded and left toward Loewenberg at 5:23 p.m.

4. At 4:40 p.m. on 16 April, two shipments were ready for departure toward Gransee at the Oranienburg freight station, with the first shipment consisting of 20 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 17 trucks, and 6 jeeps; and the other shipment consisting of 20 boxcars occupied by officers and EM; and a kitchen car.<sup>3</sup>

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5. On 15 April, source determined that the motor vehicle numbers of the unit stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement had been changed. Commanding officer of the unit was Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshkov (fnu).<sup>2</sup>

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1. Comment. According to the corresponding information by the two sources, the west section of the former Panzerschule, prior to 9 April, was occupied by units of the 25th Tank Div. These elements may be rear details of the units stationed there, which will remain there as they usually did during the summer training period. This assumption is confirmed by the alleged presence there of the unidentified tank training battalion and the unidentified motor transport battalion of the division, the latter with the known Lieutenant Colonel Markin (fnu), which, also in 1952, had stayed at the post during the summer. However, Colonel Shuk (fnu) has been carried as commanding officer of the 162d Tank Regt of the division. It is undetermined whether the units remained in Oranienburg only because of lacking quartering facilities at Camp Vogelsang. The buildings mentioned in the report are numbered according to a sketch attached to

2. Comment. The shipment which went toward Wustermark probably carried a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div. which returned from Neustrelitz to Doeberitz. The three other trains are fairly definitely believed to have carried units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US), the last elements of which went from Doeberitz to Neustrelitz on 9 April.

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3. Comment. The information by the three sources, which confirm each other, indicates that the topographic unit probably had left the Weisse Stadt settlement. Another source reported the Weisse Stadt settlement vacated by the Soviets on 10 April.

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